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The Honorable Ed Perlmutter
United States House of Representatives
415 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Perlmutter,

On behalf of 1.2 million members of the National Association of REALTORS®, I am writing to thank you for your leadership in improving the quality of life of American communities by introducing the Livable Communities Act of 2010. As real estate professionals, our livelihoods are tied to the ability of neighborhoods, communities and regions to successfully rise to the challenges which confront them daily. Therefore, we applaud this effort to better coordinate federal programs and address these challenges in a more comprehensive fashion.

The Livable Communities Act of 2010 will, by creating an Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities at HUD and an Interagency Council of Sustainable Communities to coordinate the efforts of HUD, USDOT, EPA and others, manage and focus diverse federal programs more effectively on their shared goals. In addition, the Livable Communities Act of 2010 establishes a grant program which will encourage communities of all sizes to cooperatively undertake comprehensive planning on a regional scale. Significantly also, the Livable Communities Act of 2010 establishes a sustainability challenge grant program that will assist regional partnerships to implement their plans.

For these reasons, the National Association of REALTORS® supports this effort and we look forward to working with you to assure the bill's eventual passage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vicki Cox Golder".

Vicki Cox Golder, CRB
2010 President, National Association of REALTORS®